

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this Amendment After Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place the claims in condition for allowance.

Status of Claims

Claims 3-14 and 27-30 are pending in the application. Claims 3-4 and 6-14 have been amended to more properly define preexisting claim limitations. The amended claims are supported by the specification. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled by this amendment, without prejudice.

Claims 27-30 have been allowed.

Claim Objections and Rejections

Claim 3-8, 10, 11 and 14 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is submitted that each of claims 3-8, 10, 11 and 14 have either been so rewritten or amended to depend from an allowable claim. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 3-8, 10, 11 and 14 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 12-13 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Mutti et al. (U.S. 4,778,372). It is submitted that claims 9 and 12-13 have been amended to depend from allowable claims and, therefore, the rejection with respect to claims 9 and 12-13 is moot. It is submitted that claim 9 and 12-13 are in condition for

allowance because they have been amended to be dependent from a respective allowable claim.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome.

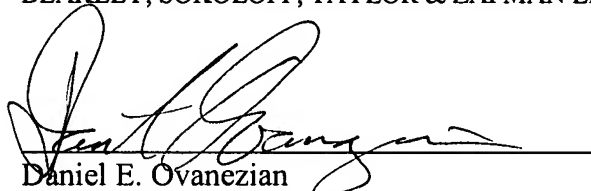
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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